

1.0 Case Definition

CASE DEFINITION OF EBOLA HAEMORRHAGIC FEVER Applies to the Haut Uele and Bas Uele Districts DURING THE EPIDEMIC PERIOD from 1st of MAY 2012 ONWARDS

To be used by community health workers

ALERT CASE

Any person with a sudden onset of high fever

OR: Bleeding or red coloured stools or blood in urines

OR: Sudden death

IF an alert case (dead or alive) is identified:

Notify to a an Outreach Team or to the closest Health Centre

To be used by Outreach Teams or Health Centres

SUSPECT CASE:

- Any person, dead or alive who shows or did show a clinical presentation of fever¹ with haemorrhagic signs/bleeding

- OR any person, dead or alive who shows or shows or did show a clinical presentation of fever with at least three of the following symptoms :

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| - Headache | - Vomiting |
| - Anorexia / Loss of appetite | - Diarrhoea |
| - Intense fatigue | - Abdominal pain |
| - Muscle or joint pain | - Difficulties to swallow |
| - Difficulties to breathe | - Hiccups |

- **OR** any person, dead or alive who shows or did show a clinical presentation of fever together with a notion with a probable or confirmed case of haemorrhagic fever.

- **OR** Any unexplained death (with a clinical history of suspicion)

When a suspect case is identified

If the subject is alive:

1. The subject should be explained that she/he has to be sent to a hospital in order to receive appropriate Medical care
2. One should report the case to the coordination team in order to transport the patient
3. One should fill in the contact list

If the subject is dead:

1. One should report the death to the coordination team in order to facilitate the dead body management
2. One should fill in the contact list

To be used at hospital level and by the surveillance team

PROBABLE CASE : Any person corresponding to the definition of a suspect case who, additionally, had a contact with a probable or confirmed case during three weeks preceding the onset of symptoms

CONFIRMED CASE: Suspect or probable case with a positive laboratory result (PCR or Serology)

* Contact: Any person who was a contact with case (within the last 21 days incubation period) according to at least one of the following modalities:

1. Has slept in the same household as the case within the month preceding the onset of symptoms
2. Has had a direct physical contact with the case (dead or alive) during his/her disease
3. Has touched the body fluids of a person during his/her disease
4. Has manipulated the clothes or laundry of a patient
5. Has been breastfed

¹ Definition of fever: $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ axillary